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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/657,837 Confirmation No. 1759  
Applicant(s) : Mark A. REILEY  
Filing Date : September 9, 2003  
Art Unit : 3738  
Examiner : Christopher D. PRONE  
Title : Facet Arthroplasty Devices and Methods  
Customer No. : 66854

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MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 8, 2009, for which a response is due December 8, 2009. A request for extension of time, up to and including **March 8, 2010**, accompanies this response.

Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.